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FM AMEMBASSY RABAT

TO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

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AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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SUBJ: SIGNS OF DROUGHT IN ALGERIA - WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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1. DROUGHT BROKE HERE JANUARY 15 WITH HEAVY RAINS THROUGHOUT MOROCCO. HAVE HAD SOME RAIN SINCE BUT WEATHER TODAY AGAIN CLEAR SO NOT DEFINITE THAT RAINS HERE TO STAY. MOST FEEL CROP WILL NOT BE MUCH BETTER THAN 50 PERCENT OF NORMAL.

2. ON JANUARY 13 AGATT HAD VISIT FROM H. HARKNESS, REPRESENTATIVE U.S. GRAIN EXPORT FIRM, WHO HAD JUST VISITED ALGERIA. THOUGH HE EMPHASIZED HIS FIRST VISIT AND HE NOT FAMILIAR WITH GRAIN PRODUCTION THIS PART OF THE WORLD, HE FELT ALGERIAN CEREAL CROP MIGHT BE WORST IN TEN YEARS BASED ON PRODUCTION STATISTICS HE HAD. HIS TRAVELS WERE LIMITED BY ADVICE HE RECEIVED IN PARIS NOT TRY MOVE AROUND ALGERIA TOO MUCH IN WAKE SECRETARY'S BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW.

3. AGATT SEEKING ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL HIS AGENCY TO TRAVEL IN OR TO ALGERIA WHEN OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF.

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4. WOULD EMBASSY BE RECEPTIVE JOINT VISIT BY AKERS (REF 2)

AND AGATT BY ROAD MID FEBRUARY IF IT COULD BE ARRANGED.
WOULD BE ENROUTE TUNIS AND WOULD NOT LINGER ALGIERS MORE THAN
ONE DAY UNLESS YOU ADVISE OTHERWISE.
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